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JMU junior forward Toia Giggetts takes a close range jumper past Bulldogs' senior guard Haiden Palmer during Sunday night's game in College Station, Texas. The Dukes advance and will play Texas A&M on Tuesday.

Dukes trounce Gonzaga 72-63 for first NCAA tournament win since 1991

JMU upsets No. 6 seed, pulls away in second half

Fans from the 'Burg to Texas celebrate JMU's win

By **WAYNE EPPS JR.**
The Breeze

They were who the Dukes thought they were, and JMU capitalized on it.

Senior guard Kirby Burkholder scored 28 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, junior forward Toia Giggetts scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds in what was her 25th straight double-figure scoring game and the No. 11 seeded Dukes (29-5) sent No. 6 seed Gonzaga

University (29-5) home with a 72-63 win at Texas A&M University's Reed Arena Sunday night. It is the team's first NCAA tournament win since 1991, when the team made it to the Round of 16.

Leading up to the game, debate focused on how similar the Dukes and Bulldogs are in their playing styles. Both teams knew it, but JMU was able to take the most advantage of it.

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By **WAYNE EPPS JR. AND HAYLEY THOMPSON**
The Breeze

For a team that hasn't won a National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament game since 1991, fans came out in impressive numbers to support the Lady Dukes as they took on No. 6 seeded Gonzaga University last night at Texas A&M University's arena in College Station, Texas.

In Texas, the fan interaction was

spearheaded by graduate Carol Benassi ('89), who is on the JMU Alumni Board of Directors, and graduate Bryan Roberts ('95), who is also the Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Chapter president.

After JMU won the Colonial Athletic Association championship on March 16, Benassi and Roberts started discussing plans for an NCAA tournament watch party. But when JMU got its draw the

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Changing the gender of science

Conference encourages girls to enter STEM fields

By **CHRIS KENT**
The Breeze

On any given Saturday, Memorial Hall is as quiet as a mausoleum. However, this past Saturday, JMU hosted the Expanding Your Horizons conference, leaving Memorial Hall packed buzzing with the laughter of young girls prepared for a science filled day.

Expanding Your Horizons is a science conference dedicated to girls in sixth through 10th grade that tries to increase their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

Official numbers have not been released yet, but it was thought that 200 young girls and more than 100 parents from all across Virginia attended. To keep this large amount of students occupied, there were 30 JMU faculty members holding workshops and nearly 70 JMU student volunteers to help run the conference.

EYH is a network of programs that is dedicated to educating young girls. The organization was created in 1974 as the Math/Science Network, an informal group of women scientists in the San Francisco Bay area.

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There were 8,777 total alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in Virginia in 2012, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

The most dangerous drive

DUIs cost students more than just fines; officials cite difficult consequences for violators

By **SARAH CALLAWAY**
contributing writer

Roger Knott, a patrol commander with the Harrisonburg Police Department, has some sobering scenes in his memory when it comes to drunk driving.

"There have been traffic accidents with people who have been doing everything they were supposed to, and then someone who had been drinking runs a stop sign and seriously hurts or kills them," Knott said. "It's scary because it could happen to any of us."

According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, there were 8,777 total alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in Virginia

in 2012. However, the number is only a fraction of the 28,719 DUI convictions from that year.

In Harrisonburg, a city with a large student population, the number of alcohol-related crashes in 2012 was 56, although none were fatal. According to Knott, that number has stayed relatively constant over the last few years. This number is slightly higher than it is in other towns without major universities.

According to the DMV's 2012 Virginia Traffic Crash Facts, Harrisonburg has more alcohol-related crashes than other cities with a high student population, including Blacksburg and Williamsburg. Charlottesville has a slightly higher number than Harrisonburg.

If the driver is over 21-years-old and gets a DUI, they will face possible jail time, a fine of at least \$250 and a one-year license suspension with the possibility of obtaining a restricted license during the suspension. A restricted license allows the driver to travel only to essential places such as school or work.

Underage DUI violators, however, face an up-to-one-year license suspension, a minimum \$500 fine or 50 hours of community service, possible placement in the Alcohol Safety Action Program and a possible restricted license, according to the Virginia Department

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The Buzz

Discuss this week's burning topics with us! Send us your responses @TheBreezeJMU or on our Facebook.

Lost or stolen JACards can be more than an inconvenience. For some students, it means financial loss.

How many times have you had your JACard replaced?

While I was there, 4 times. And 3 of those times I found my JACard stuck in between cushions months later. Sigh.

Whitney Mooney | via Facebook

Personally i'm more worried about losing my "Gold status" then the few punches and 10 dining dollars I have.

Matthew Priebe | via Facebook

Why not use system that requires a pin number?.

Elena Lida Marie Knupp | via Facebook



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ARE YOU ALL THE RAGE?
Then speak up!

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

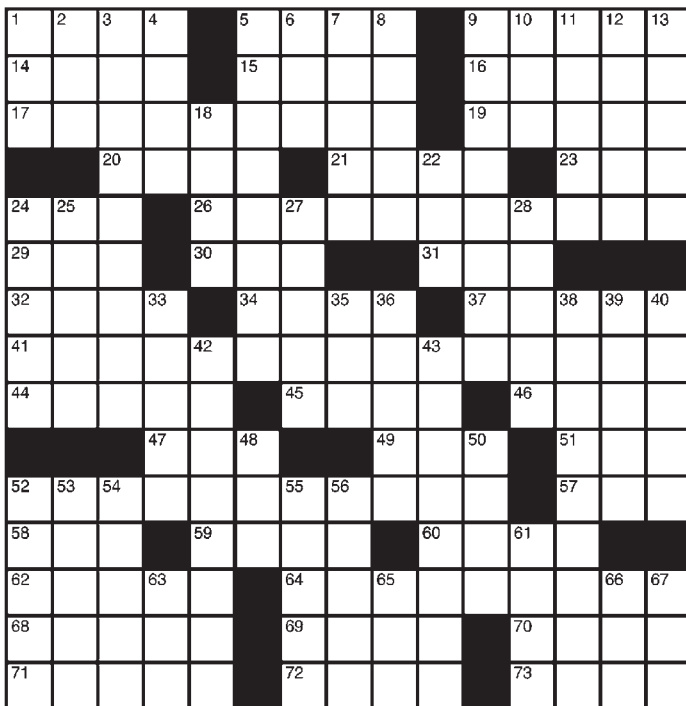
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Pi r squared, for a circle
- Encyclopedia tidbit
- Big-time
- Speeds (up)
- __ about: roughly
- Render speechless
- Penniless
- Powerful person
- Cozy corner
- Monogram part: Abbr.
- Singer DiFranco
- Crone
- Like champion sprinters
- Capri suffix
- Little lie
- Church-founded Dallas sch.
- FDR's dog
- Confused mental states
- Mythological sky holder
- Worker in the sky
- Foil maker
- Struggling to decide
- Bone: Pref.
- Queue after Q
- 20s dispenser, for short
- Darjeeling, for one
- Suggest something tentatively
- "Bad" cholesterol letters
- Key next to the space bar
- "A Visit From the Goon Squad" Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
- March Madness org.
- Pig __
- Piece for two winds
- Pillar from a fire
- Film director's unit
- Look at rudely
- Slipped gently (into)
- Renders speechless
- Wobbly table stabilizer

DOWN

- "Bow-wow!"
- Belief sys.



By Kurt Mengel and Jan-Michele Gianette

Thursday's puzzle solved

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WORLD NEWS

Turkey shoots down Syrian warplane

McClatchy Foreign Staff

BEIRUT — Turkish air force jets intercepted and destroyed a Syrian fighter-bomber Sunday along the two nations' shared border, leading the Syrian government to claim that the plane was in Syrian airspace and the incident was "unwarranted aggression."

Turkish Prime Minister Tiyap Erdogan, who faces increasing hostility from voters over a series of scandals and the unpopular decision last week to block the popular Twitter social media service, used the incident to rally supporters at a campaign stop.

"A Syrian plane violated our airspace. Our F-16s took off and hit this plane," he told a cheering crowd in northwest Turkey. "Why? Because if you violate my airspace, our slap after this will be hard."

Video shot by a Turkish news crew showed the MIG-23 aircraft crashing into a mountain on the Syrian side of the border. Turkish government accounts said that the plane was one of two that had crossed into Syrian airspace near the Kasab border crossing.

Turkish media accounts said Turkish forces warned the planes four times to leave Turkish airspace before shots were fired. The second plane escaped back into Syria unharmed.

The Syrian government immediately rejected Turkish versions of the event, saying that neither plane entered Turkish airspace and that the attack should be considered an unprovoked act of war.

Ukraine signs political accord with EU

Los Angeles Times

LONDON — Ukraine was tugged in opposite directions Friday in a reminder of the Cold War past, with the government in Kiev pushing westward through closer ties to the European Union and Russia pulling Crimea eastward by formally annexing it.

Separate signing ceremonies in Brussels and Moscow illustrated the rapidly diverging paths of Ukraine and the Crimean peninsula, which Ukraine insists still belongs to it but which Russia claims as its own. The dispute over the strategically important region has led to perhaps the most serious confrontation between the West and Russia since the

collapse of the Soviet Union.

There were a few indications Friday that the penalties imposed on Russia by the United States and Europe were having some of their intended effect. Russian President Vladimir Putin signaled a possible pause in the mutual retaliation between the two sides.

In Brussels, Ukrainian officials sealed a deal deepening political cooperation with the 28-nation European Union. The pact revived an agreement that the EU offered to Ukraine several months ago that then-President Viktor Yanukovich rejected in favor of closer ties with Moscow, a last-minute turnaround that led to months of protests, Yanukovich's ouster and Russia's incursion into Crimea.

The signing of the EU deal sees a Europe-leaning Ukraine as a threat. But an elated and relieved-looking Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Ukraine's interim prime minister, brushed aside such concern.

"Frankly speaking, I don't care about Russia (in) signing this deal. I care about Ukraine, Ukrainians and our European future," Yatsenyuk said. "This deal meets an aspiration of millions of Ukrainians who want to be a part of the European Union."

EU membership is not on offer. But the agreement puts Ukraine squarely in the orbit of the EU, which pledged to sign the accord immediately as a riposte to Russia's armed takeover of Crimea.

Pope Francis appoints first members of anti-child abuse panel

McClatchy Foreign Staff

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Saturday filled the initial positions of a committee against child abuse, which he had announced in December to tackle pedophilia scandals within the Catholic Church.

Francis chose a mixed team of eight prelates and lay experts. They will have to draw up the statutes of the new panel, setting its tasks and competences, and recruit new members from around the world, the Vatican said in a statement.

"Pope Francis has made clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst Her highest priorities," Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi said.

Boston Archbishop Sean Patrick O'Malley and Jesuit Fathers Humberto Miguel Yanez of Argentina and Hans Zollner from Germany were picked.

Compiled from McClatchy-Tribune wire services

NATIONAL NEWS

Russians, Ukrainians living in US anxious about Crimea

Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Andrey Tokar bustles about the kitchen at Voshtok Dumpling House on Capitol Hill in Seattle where he serves up food he considers both Ukrainian and Russian _ no small irony given the conflict in Crimea and his anxiety about it.

"I'm worried," Tokar said. With friends and family still in Ukraine, having Russian President Vladimir Putin officially annex Crimea from Ukraine this past week "is definitely not something we want. Everybody is hoping for U.S. intervention."

Well, not everybody.

Valentina Kiselev, who left Russia in 1997 and now lives in Bellevue, Wash., supports Putin's move to claim parts of Ukraine and thinks the United States should stay out of the conflict.

"I think one day America will be ashamed

of the fact that its president shook the hands of the self-proclaimed ... leader in the Ukraine," said Kiselev, who spent summers in Crimea and has relatives in Ukraine.

As the conflict rages, Russians and Ukrainians now in the Northwest feel divided from people they've known for years after Putin's claim on Crimea and President Barack Obama's support of the new Ukrainian government.

At Ukrainian International Foods in Greenwood, Wash., owner Sam Shoykhim recently stacked the cold case with cheese and salami from a variety of Eastern European countries and grumbled about the recent events.

Until the new conflict, Russians and Ukrainians were all one family, said Shoykhim, who is from Chernobyl in Ukraine. "Now they don't get along."

Washington state is home to 35,550 people who were born in Ukraine and nearly 22,000 from Russia, according to the 2012 U.S. Census. Those figures don't include their American-born children and grandchildren, who may also have their own passionate Russian or Ukrainian views.

Historically, Russians have believed there is no meaningful division between that country and Ukraine, a former member of the Soviet Union, Scott Radnitz said.

Barge spills oil near Texas wildlife sanctuary

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Oil spilled from a barge in Galveston Bay, blocking the Houston ship channel and threatening some birds at a nearby wildlife sanctuary, officials and environmentalists said.

U.S. Coast Guard officials said as much as 168,000 gallons of oil may have spilled.

Michael Lambert, spokesman for Galveston County Office of Emergency Management, called it a "significant spill," but not based on the amount of oil.

"The real issue is that it's in the ship channel, near environmentally sensitive areas. So there's an economic impact and an environmental impact," he said.

Crews were skimming oil and laying absorbent booms to contain the spread of the spill, which occurred in the channel that runs between Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula, Lambert said.

On Sunday, the spill prevented dozens of ships from transiting the channel, one of the world's busiest petrochemical transport routes."

Gay weddings halted despite licenses

Los Angeles Times

MICHIGAN — Same-sex weddings in Michigan were abruptly halted Saturday when a federal appeals court put on hold a lower court ruling that declared the state's ban on gay marriages unconstitutional.

The appellate court order came after Michigan officials had issued at least 322 marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples.

U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Friedman said Friday that Michigan's decade-old state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman violated the U.S. Constitution's promise of equal protection for all individuals. In doing so, he immediately required the state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples..

After the ruling was released Friday evening, Michigan Atty. Gen. Bill Schuette filed an emergency request to delay it from going into effect.

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Child found, father arrested

Boy found in Washington County after police activate Amber Alert

An 11-year-old boy from Russell County, Va. was safely recovered by police Friday morning after the Virginia State Police issued a statewide Amber Alert on Thursday.

According to the VSP, the boy, Lucas Ezra Silas Guinn, left school on Wednesday on his own accord. On Thursday, the Russell County Sheriff's Office began an investigation after no one was able to locate Lucas. Police were able to determine that Lucas was with his father, Jimmy D. Guinn, 67, and in imminent danger.

At the request of the Russell County Sheriff's Department, the VSP activated an Amber Alert in an effort to find Lucas. Police were on the lookout for a tractor-trailer with a purple cab and the words "Snowbird Trucking" on the side.

Within minutes, Geller said police received a tip about possible sightings.

Shortly before 9 a.m. on Friday, police received a tip that a vehicle matching the given description was travelling on Interstate 81 in Washington County, Va.

An officer from the Washington County Sheriff's Office stopped the vehicle in the southbound lane. Lucas was safely recovered and his father was taken in without incident.

Police were able to determine that Lucas was driven to Michigan and back through West Virginia since he disappeared. The Michigan State Police, City of Detroit Police Department, West Virginia State Police, FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service also assisted the Russell County Sheriff's Office during the investigation and search for Lucas.

His father is currently being held without bond at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Abingdon, Va. Police have charged him with one felony count of child abuse and one felony of child abduction. Additional charges are pending and the case is still under investigation.

-staff report

IN BRIEF

HARRISONBURG
Gunshots on Port lead to pursuit on 81

On Feb. 16 at 2 a.m. police responded to a call reporting the firing of gun shots in the 800 block of Port Republic Road, according to the *Daily News-Record*.

The gunshots led to a five-mile pursuit down Interstate 81, where an officer's car was hit by a handgun that police claim Patty allegedly threw from the car.

Sean Michael Patty, 24, of Staunton pleaded guilty on Friday to felony shooting at an occupied vehicle, felony possession of a stolen firearm, felony receiving a stolen gun and misdemeanor shooting into a public place.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
Drug bust at local 33 Express Mart

On Thursday afternoon, Rockingham County police seized 300 grams of synthetic marijuana when their RUSH drug task force raided a local 33 Express Market just outside of Harrisonburg, according to the *Daily News Record*.

The 33 Express market is the first store to be raided for drugs within Rockingham County in nearly two years.

According to Rockingham County Sheriff Bryan Hutcheson, no arrests have been made with regards to the drug confiscation, but charges are pending.

ALL OF THE LIGHTS

Light pollution is a growing problem in both big and small cities all around the world



MATT SCHMACHTENBERG / THE BREEZE

JMU is not guilt-free when it comes to light pollution as many of the lights in the buildings are kept on at night, even when they aren't being used.

By **ERIN FLYNN AND KELSEY BECKETT**
The Breeze

Illuminating the night with artificial light is beginning to take its toll on the visibility of the night sky.

Starry Nights Harrisonburg is a week-long event hoping to shed some light on the issue, and will run from today through Saturday. Physics professor Shanil Virani teamed up with English professor Paul Bogard to lead the series.

"You've seen this already if you go to Times Square, you may see a star, but probably not," Virani said. "Our skies are slowly erasing of stars."

Light pollution, according to Virani, who also directs the John C. Wells Planetarium, is the overuse and misuse of artificial light at night. Virani said it's caused by things like unprotected light fixtures, lights from shopping malls and parking lots. But the causes don't stop there.

Billboards, streetlights, illuminated buildings and business lights also play their part in light pollution, according to Danielle McKissick, a health services administration and Spanish double major and co-president of astronomy club.

"Due to the nature of light and the technology and light fixtures we use, a large amount of this light doesn't reach its intended destination. Instead, it ends up reflected

into the night sky," McKissick said.

Using these lights can also have a negative impact on the environment and our health.

Virani explained that the leaked light from such fixtures causes environmental problems such as the erasing of stars from the night sky, and has also been linked to health problems, such as cancer.

"The light that we are exposed to is interfering with these patterns," Virani said. "Melatonin is what is implicated in some of these studies that try to demonstrate a link between an exposure to light at night and cancer."

Although Harrisonburg doesn't stand out as being as problematic in terms of light pollution when compared to other larger cities, its impact still plays a large role in this problem, Virani explained.

"The International Dark Sky Association estimates that \$110 billion of light is wasted each year," Virani said. "That's enough resources to power eight million homes in the United States every year. It's a waste of money, it's a waste of resources."

Although Harrisonburg does not compare poorly with other cities in regards to its light pollution problem, there are a few worrisome effects. For example, light pollution has been connected to fogging up the night sky. This is a detrimental effect because many astronomers need to view the night sky to study.

To remedy this problem, experts suggest to use lights at night only when necessary,

and also to cover light fixtures to prevent the light from shining to the sides and upward.

"We employ these covers in our home, because we don't want to be overwhelmed by the light and have to deal with the glare," Virani said.

Virani is also among the many professors who believes that it is not only our responsibility to educate ourselves about light pollution, but it is also our duty prevent it.

Professor Paul Bogard, an English professor, recently published a book, "The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light," which includes interviews with experts about artificial light and light pollution.

He also agrees that JMU should make changes to stop light pollution.

"JMU is constantly building and growing, and any new construction should only have shielded lights so that we don't add to the problem," Bogard said. "After that we can start working on the lights we have and start to shield them."

Shielded lights are simply lights with covers over them, to direct the light downward to a specific area that needs lighting instead of letting the light travel to the side and up.

Bogard was inspired to write his book by his love for the night; he took advantage of the opportunity to write about the issue and how it affects the night sky.

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Sickness doesn't define trip

The breakout of norovirus among alternative spring break students in Boston didn't affect their goals

By **MADELINE RAFI**
contributing writer

For those unfamiliar with the norovirus, think of the wedding dress scene in the movie, "Bridesmaids," times 10. The JMU students participating in the Alternative Spring Break Boston trip encountered a norovirus outbreak, which led to an especially unique experience.

This year's ASB trip to Boston was one for the books for JMU. It was the first time in ASB history evacuation money was used. Students were forced to leave Boston a few days early and JMU had to pay for a second van to transport students back to campus. It wasn't long before this van was labeled as the "sick van," while the other held healthy students.

Although the norovirus was an aspect of their trip, it certainly did not define it. The students' aiding the homeless veterans at their agency was their primary objective. The ASB Boston trip centered around interacting with homeless veterans, building shelves, cleaning, unloading and organizing donated goods.

Caroline Crane, a sophomore justice studies major, said, "You would think the norovirus would ruin the trip. But, it brought us all closer

together. I never thought I would get so many laughs and memories from an illness."

Crane recalled one of the most shocking stories a veteran told her.

"I was surprised to see so many veterans our age in the center," Crane said. "I was told these young veterans usually come home from war with PTSD or drug problems. Their families either don't know how to deal with it or they tell them to get help or get out."

Andie Arnold, a junior political science major and one of the trip leaders, was in awe of how the ASB students composed themselves despite the outbreak.

"The group handled it so well. I really think that speaks to what kind of a person an ASB participant is. Everyone was so open and flexible, and I think we all helped each other remain calm and think clearly," Arnold said.

Arnold did not allow the norovirus to define her ASB experience. She was able to gain a lot from her interactions with the veterans. One resident in particular told Arnold about his alcoholism, which led him to his current situation.

"It was honestly one of the most inspirational conversations I have ever had," Arnold said. "Everything he said was like a quote. He said he

was in that situation because of himself. However, he could not spend all day hating himself for of it. Holding onto hate only hurts you."

Cristina Perez-Rubio, a senior health sciences major, recalled some of her highlights during the trip.

"Having the opportunity to work alongside the nurses and interacting on a personal level with many of the veterans was incredibly rewarding," Perez-Rubio said. "I also really enjoyed being with my fellow Dukes. We started the week as strangers and left as great friends with plenty of inside jokes."

More than anything, the students who encountered the norovirus emphasized what an excellent learning experience the ASB program is. They encourage anyone who has the opportunity to participate to do so and not hesitate because of an accidental and rare occurrence like the norovirus.

Although all students from the ASB Boston trip returned to campus without the norovirus, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the University Health Center at 540-568-6178.

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LIGHTS | Brightness can lead to pollution and decreased safety level



MATT SCHMACHTENBERG / THE BREEZE

Many people feel bright lights provide an increased level of safety, but the contrast between brightness of the lights and darkness of the night can cause decreased vision according to physics professor Shanil Virani.

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But trying to fix this issue doesn't end at teachers. JMU students are taking it upon themselves to not only stay informed about light pollution but to raise awareness about this obstacle.

Melissa Griffin, a junior interdisciplinary liberal studies major and member of E.A.R.T.H. Club, said that members from her organization turning off the lights in the stadium was one issue brought up in a conversation with President Jon Alger.

So far no solutions have been decided on in regards to the stadium.

E.A.R.T.H members have also been advocating for the university to turn off unused lights, such as building lights, that are left on throughout campus at night.

Griffin explained that a big issue that was brought up was the safety of the JMU students at night.

According to Virani, the idea that more lights make nighttime safer is a myth.

"Bright lights contrast strongly with the dark, making it harder to

see safety outside rather than easier," McKissick said. "Light that is intentionally directed downward and into the intended area rather than the sky can be just as effective for illuminating an area without creating those 'blind' spots that one gets when you look directly into a bright light outside in the dark."

Virani agrees that turning off the lights would be an easy fix, but he also brings up another solution: putting shielded fixtures on lights, which will focus the light downward.

E.A.R.T.H. Club isn't the only organization raising awareness. Many members of astronomy club are also getting involved in the festivities by supporting and participating in the free week-long event, which begins tonight with a showing of the documentary, "The City Dark," at Court Square Theatre.

A variety of events will be occurring each night including: a presentation by Bogard and a reading from his recent book, a star party, a discussion of light pollution solutions, a panel talking about the financial aspects and a celebration of the night, which is taking place throughout Harrisonburg.

Bogard's book will also be sold throughout the week.

Some students, including Griffin, believe that hosting the event in Harrisonburg will prove more beneficial.

"I think it's good that the events are happening at the Court Square Theatre and not just at Grafton or something because that helps connect JMU students and the Harrisonburg community," Griffin said.

As the issue of light pollution becomes more prevalent around the world, JMU students who are involved with "Starry Nights Harrisonburg," are hoping that the series will have a lasting impact on those who attend.

"This issue is bigger than JMU," Griffin said.

JMU faculty and members of the Harrisonburg community won't hesitate to back up Griffin.

Virani warned, "If we don't do anything about the lights and we continue at the rate we are going, our sky will disappear of stars."

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DUI | Punishments for DUI bring high costs and time consuming programs

from front

of Motor Vehicles website.

The consequences increase with each offense. A second offense within five years would result in at least 10 days of jail time, a fine of at least \$500 and a three-year license suspension with the possibility of obtaining a restricted license after one year of the suspension.

A third or fourth offense within 10 years would result in at least a year of jail time, a fine of at least \$1,000 and indefinite license revocation.

Virginia also has a "baby DUI" policy stating that anyone under 21 with a blood alcohol level of .02 to .07 percent will be required to pay a \$500 fine or complete 50 hours of community service. There is also a one-year license suspension, with the possibility of getting a restricted license during the suspension.

Anyone charged with a DUI is also required to attend the Alcohol Safety Action Program. ASAP is a 10-week alcohol education course that must be attended two hours per week. In some cases, offenders are referred to treatment with a licensed counselor, take a four-week course and are subject to random alcohol and drug screenings.

Director of ASAP Pam Simmons says about 15 percent of people who attend ASAP for DUI offenses are college students.

"Sometimes people sign up prior to going to court, hoping a judge would take that into consideration at their sentencing," Simmons said.

Harrisonburg attorney Bob Keefer handles many DUI cases. Keefer said that many people do not understand the severity of the consequences that come with a DUI.

Direct costs of a first DUI are more than \$800. This includes court fees, ASAP fees and the DUI fine. Lawyer fees alone can be more than \$3,000 and the price of a required ignition interlock is at least \$480.

A direct consequence of a DUI conviction is ignition interlock, which is now mandatory in Virginia. And Ignition interlock is essentially a breathalyzer installed on the dashboard. Drivers must breathe into the device to gauge their blood alcohol content before

the engine will start.

The indirect costs of a DUI can be even more harmful. Drivers are often dropped from their insurance or charged higher rates for minimal coverage. Keefer estimates that "career opportunity" costs alone would be about \$20,000, since many employers will not hire a person with a DUI.

"Never, ever take these field tests. You don't understand them and all you're going to do is fail. I guarantee if you pass all of those tests, you're still getting arrested."

Bob Keefer
Harrisonburg attorney who handles many DUI cases

"Even if it's been a couple hours, don't drive," Keefer said. "Take a bus. Take a taxi. Do anything but drive a car. [Police] are not going to have any mercy on you."

There are alternative transportation options offered by JMU and Harrisonburg, including JMU SafeRides, a free, student-run, non-profit organization that began in 2003. Drivers volunteer on Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Since its beginning, SafeRides has given more than 50,000 rides to students. The organization usually gives almost 200 rides per night on the weekends.

Senior nursing major, Lara Sullenberger, is the organization's community outreach and education director. She said that not everyone who uses SafeRides on the weekends is intoxicated, although many do use it as an alternative to drinking and driving.

But if students happen to be pulled over by police, Keefer insists they should know their rights.

All field tests are voluntary. Keefer refers to these tests as "road-side gymnastics," and they include things such as walking in a

straight line or balancing on one leg.

"Never, ever take these field tests," Keefer said. "You don't understand them and all you're going to do is fail. I guarantee if you pass all of those tests, you're still getting arrested."

However, Knott said that refusing field tests could hurt a suspect even more.

"The officer is trying to determine if you're able to drive," Knott said. "The better you perform on a test, the more he has to go on to release you. If there is no test, he goes on what limited information he has to make the arrest. It could really hurt people in court."

Knott said officers look at multiple things to determine if someone is safe to drive. Before pulling a driver over, officers look for cars that make more than just typical traffic violations. Some of these include coming to abrupt stops or crossing the centerline too many times. If several of these mistakes are identified, the officer has a reason to pull the driver over.

According to Knott once the driver has been pulled over, the officer looks for more indicators, such as the driver's demeanor, red eyes, slurred speech, the odor of alcohol and presence of visible alcoholic beverages. If enough of these elements are present, the officer asks the driver to engage in the field tests.


One of the tests, "horizontal gaze nystagmus" involves the driver following a pen or light with his or her eyes.

The preliminary breath test is also voluntary. The only mandatory tests are a blood test or the evidentiary breath test, which take place at the police station.

If arrested, drivers are charged and sometimes end up spending a night in the "drunk tank" and then held until their day of trial. Courts are usually not lenient with offenders even if they are students.

"The consequences are usually the same," Knott said. "But I see that students are taking it on themselves to be more responsible ... and using other resources to get from point A to point B."

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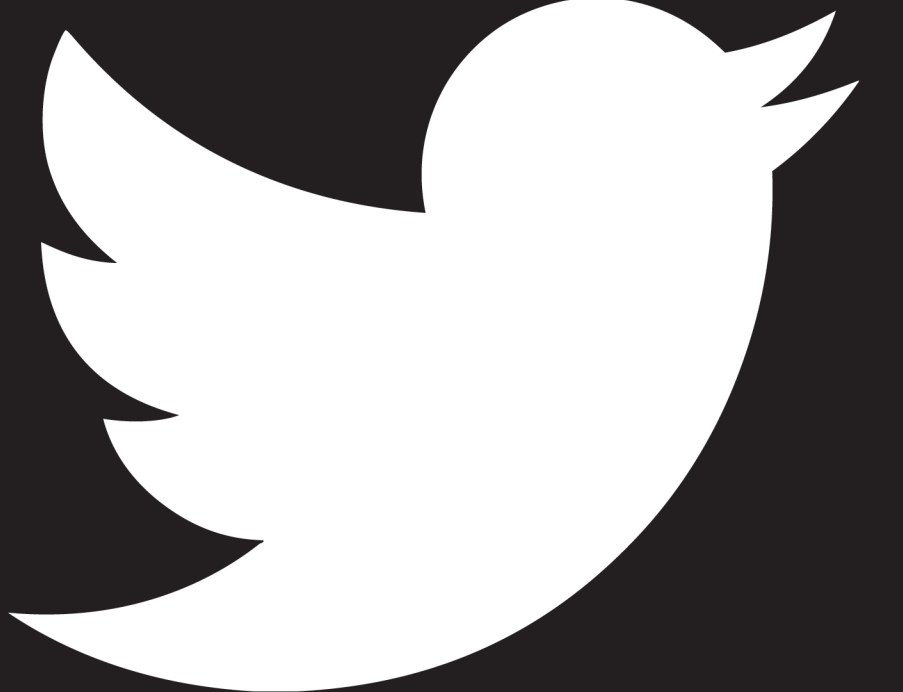
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Outside of history and political science, one of Henry Myers' greatest passions was his farm where he raised many animals, including horses that he invited several colleagues to ride.

Faculty mourns ‘Renaissance man’

Henry Allen Myers was revered by colleagues for both his knowledge and the compassionate nature during 41-year JMU career

By **WILLIAM MASON**
The Breeze

On Wednesday, Henry Allen Myers died at the age of 80. Myers had arrived at JMU in 1969, when the school was still Madison College, and had taught in both the history and political science departments during his tenure, which spanned 41 years until his retirement in 2010.

While it would be easy to list his long list of achievements, the words of his colleagues in the history department speak louder.

Philip Riley had the opportunity to work with Myers on five editions of *The Global Experience: Readings in World History to 1550*, and *The Global Experience: Readings in World History since 1550*, a two volume textbook. He was extremely impressed by the depth of knowledge, his colleague possessed in all areas of history.

“Brilliant” is a word that is overused and should be used sparingly. Henry Myers was brilliant. He was fluent in classical Greek, Latin, Russian, German, French and was tackling Chinese on his own. He was a top scholar of the subject of the Middle Ages and also knew the intricacies of Mao Zedong’s ‘Great Leap Forward.’ Having worked with Henry on five editions of a *World History* text over the course of two decades, I came to treasure his enormous breadth and depth of learning. Never did I ask him a question that he did not answer immediately and completely. But Henry was much more than a historian. He knew art, music and literature, particularly the German poets. He taught a very popular course on Romanticism.”

Mary Louise Loe met Myers when she arrived at JMU in 1973 and she developed a strong working relationship and friendship with Myers during their time together.

“Dr. Henry Myers was a wonderful colleague and dear friend to all. His contributions as a professor at JMU were invaluable. He had a brilliant mind and possessed an exceptionally wide range of knowledge from the ancient to the modern world, including a fluency in numerous

languages. His knowledge constantly surprised and amazed his students as well as his colleagues in the history department. Yet, he was a very humble and wise man with a great sense of humor and irony and a true, indefatigable zest for living. We all considered him our true “Renaissance Man.” He was not only a scholar and teacher; he also raised, with great care and affection, many different animals on his farm and was a skilled horseman who continued to race horses as long as he could. Henry will be deeply missed by all who knew him.”

History professor Michael Galgano was a colleague of Myers who developed a strong friendship over the more-than 30 years they worked together.

“He was a consummate professional and a genuine lifelong learner. If he needed to learn something, he taught himself. The best example I know of concerned a Turkish document he uncovered as part of his research. He knew no one who could translate it for him and taught himself Turkish so that he could read it,” Galgano said. “He was a gifted teacher and inspired students in every class until ill health compelled his retirement. He challenged students to read and think critically and worked tirelessly with each to improve their knowledge and skills. During his rich career, he adapted comfortably to the myriad of changes that characterized James Madison. He was equally comfortable in large lecture halls and small seminars and his office was always filled with students. He gave tirelessly of his time and intellect to help his students. Three things mattered most to Henry: his family, his students and his history colleagues. He was the best of colleagues and we ‘shall not see his like again.”

Lee Congdon was a colleague of Myers for more than three decades and believes JMU is unlikely to see a professor like Myers again.

“I served in the history department with Henry Myers for 33 years and know of no colleague for whom I reserved a greater respect and admiration. A highly intelligent and well-educated scholar who carried his



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learning lightly, Henry offered a remarkably wide range of courses. I often wondered if his students knew how privileged they were to attend his classes. From the time I arrived on campus in the fall of 1972, Henry served as a professional model for me; he was what a university professor should be. I turned to him often when, for example, I needed help with a Latin or German translation or wanted to check a detail of Chinese history. I know I am not alone when I say that I shall remember him with lasting gratitude. I very much doubt that JMU will see his like again.”

Since the time history professor David Owusu-Ansah arrived at JMU in 1986 he was impressed by the way Myers opened up both his office and his home to colleagues.

Owusu-Ansah said that Myers was someone who knew about everything, and while most people had specialization, Dr. Myers showed interest in everything. Owusu-Ansah also added Dr. Myers was very passionate about riding horse on his farm and invited many of his colleagues over to ride. Even though Owusu-Ansah was thrown when he rode a horses at the farm, he remained appreciative of Dr. Myers openness at work and at home.

A funeral service for Myers will be held today at 2 p.m. at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, Va.

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SCIENCE | Speaker encourages women to receive further education

from front

Since then, they have grown immensely, hosting conferences all across the United States and even across the globe. The conference has been held at JMU for seven years now, with the 2014 conference expected to be the most popular one yet.

Elizabeth Arnold, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, was surprised with this year’s turnout.

“We actually had to cut off registration and turn some girls away,” Arnold said. “Which is a shame, but we really can’t get too much bigger than this. We were just talking about how this is really the only space we can use right now.”

When EYH originally started it filled Miller Hall. Now it has expanded to fill the auditorium of Memorial Hall. Arnold, who has been with the program since its creation, believes it is crucial to these young girls because it gives them role models to look up to and shows them that science is not a male-dominated subject.

Saturday’s EYH included all-day workshops, a chemistry lab and two keynote speakers. The workshops consisted of activities to engage girls in STEM related subjects. The Society of Women Engineers held a class on building candy bridges to explore how different shapes have different strengths and how those shapes affect the bridge. Workshops ranged from oceanography to basic coding.

To open the conference, JMU invited business leader and female scientist Melanie Worth. Melanie Worth owns Foxden Equine Nutritional company a local nutritional company for horses. She gave a presentation on her life and what it



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JMU math professor Rebecca Field speaks and encourages young women to receive greater education.

was like growing up as a young female interested in the sciences fields, in a time where she was told, “Well you don’t need a degree honey, you are cute enough to get married.”

She later explained that she was told that by one of her university professors, and that she’s glad to see that this type of thought is not common anymore. She hopes that there will be a greater trend of women enrolling in both science and college programs in general. In JMU’s ISAT program men still outnumber women 1061 to 337, but there has been a general increase in

enrollment since 2002 for both sexes; according to JMU’s Office of Institutional Research.

“I hope it opens their eyes and minds to the concept and thought that there is more to life than just being a mother and a wife, or not as their interests take them,” Worth said.

Worth hopes that young females stay in school and learn as much as they are capable of so they can have a fulfilling life, instead of being an what she described as a passive consumer.

In a study done by the American Association of University Women, they found that gender

differences in self-confidence begin affecting STEM studies begins for young girl in middle school. That is exactly what EYH is trying to help with, empowering young women to become at least interested in the scientific fields. This is why Caroline Lubert, a mathematics professor, also spoke as a keynote speaker at the EYH conference and has held workshops since EYH’s creation at JMU.

Her speech was entitled “When I Grow Up, I Want to be a Rocket Scientist” and the cover slide of her presentation was a picture of a young boy working on a rocket.

“I looked everywhere for a girl tinkering with a rocket, I couldn’t find one anywhere. I went all over Google Images and so on, and I could only find a picture of a young boy messing with a rocket. So in itself that is really interesting,” Lubert said.

She continued on to say that almost every job she held in a science field — she has worked for BP, Jaguar Cars and Rolls Royce Motor Cars — were male-dominated environments. With male-only fitting boots, clothes and male restrooms.

“I hope the young girls leave here with an excitement for STEM. That they see, they can do it. This is something they can do with their life,” said associate professor Jacquelyn Nagel, who is the faculty head of the Society of Women Engineers, “It is not just, ‘Oh, that’s only for boys.’ They see it that there are women here as role models who are successful in these fields and that they can also be successful.”

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KEVAN HULLIGAN | the war room

Catch more flies with honey than with vinegar

The death of Fred Phelps is a prime example of why revenge doesn't need to be forceful

Last week Fred Phelps, the leader of the infamous Westboro Baptist Church, died at the age of 83. During his time, he led one of the most vocal and controversial hate groups in the United States. Its picketing of soldiers' funerals and demonstrations personified the worst in humanity, robbing the already grieving families of the deceased of a peaceful chance to say goodbye.



Groups have been started with the sole intent of counter-protesting the church, even garnering the attention of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a popular anti-hate group organization. Its actions were the subject of the Snyder v. Phelps Supreme Court decision, which stated that the church couldn't be sued for emotional damages because its actions are protected by the First Amendment. In short, he and his cult became famous for all the wrong reasons.

When I first heard the news, I felt an overwhelming sense of joy. As morbid as that sounds, I feel that the world is in fact a better place without him in it. It's a primal sort of joy, the kind you feel when you find out that the bully you had in high school is currently living a worse life than you. In a way I felt bad about liking the fact that someone was dead, but the amount of harm and suffering he caused people made me unwilling to feel remorse for him.

Of course, his church will continue to exist and his ideas won't die with him, but without his leadership, I think that the group will slowly start to dissolve from within. Three of his children left the group prior to his death, and they may yet serve as inspiration to others who feel trapped within the organization.

In the end, what should be done in the wake of Phelps' death? Many have suggested celebrations or parties to mark the occasion. Some have gone as far as to state that people should picket his own funeral, trying to give members of his family a taste of the kind of bitter poison they have been administering for the past several years.

This line of thinking is not uncommon when

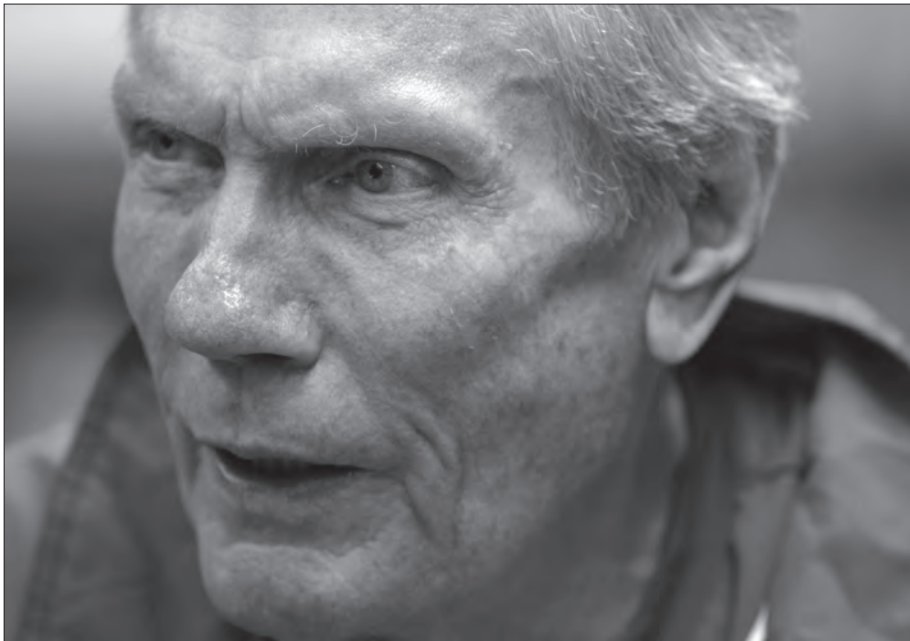
it comes to controversial public figures; just last year, leftist groups threw a large party in London's Trafalgar Square to celebrate the death of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. However, I feel that doing something like that wouldn't really solve anything and would bring us down to Phelps' level. The Westboro Baptist Church thrives on negative attention in order to continue its persecution complex, so engaging in widespread celebration would only continue its delusions of oppression.

Letting Phelps' negativity infect the movement for LGBT rights can only lead to polarization and a divide in the group, and openly celebrating his death is part of that.

So what should we do in the wake of Phelps' death? I would propose that instead of having demonstrations based solely around his death, people need to gather together in the spirit of love and cooperation to march for LGBT rights, instead of coming together in an assembly of spite and anger.

Letting Phelps' negativity infect the movement for LGBT rights can only lead to polarization and a divide in the group, and openly celebrating his death is part of that. I'm not saying to mourn the man's passing nor to not feel happy that he is no longer with us; rather I am suggesting that we as a people should rise above the malice, anger and spite that so characterized his life and the life of his church. People recognize and respond to positivity more often than anger. There will always be people like Phelps, but the struggle for equality and freedom will always win in the end.

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Fred Phelps, leader of the infamous Westboro Baptist Church, died of natural causes on March 19.



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The Westboro Baptist Church is most known for its picketing and protests of soldiers' funerals.

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A **"thanks-for-taking-the-time"** pat to the man in my building who was in a hurry to go. Even after we got your car out, you stayed to help get mine out, too.
From the woman in apartment D.

A **"slow-down"** dart to the crazies who think the parking decks are the Indianapolis 500.
From a staff member who doesn't want to become your road kill.

A **"you-DID-make-my-day"** pat to the kind young men handing out coffee and doughnuts on March 20. Your thoughtful gesture turned my day around.
From a working mom of a son with autism, who spent the morning scrambling to find childcare for an ill, little boy and really needed the coffee.

A **"look-before-you-leap"** dart to pedestrians who step out onto roadways without looking both directions. A vehicle cannot stop immediately and may be about to pass you at any time.
From a driver who thinks pedestrians should worry about their safety as much as he does.

A **"get-your-act-together"** dart to Grafton-Stovall Theatre for having to cancel Friday's showing of "The Wolf of Wall Street" because they had a faulty DVD.
From someone who thinks you need to be more professional and maybe screen the DVDs before you show them.

A **"women-can-hold-doors-open-for-people-too"** dart to the woman who ended the line of door holding at Harrison Hall last Thursday.
From a senior who thinks you should know by now that we hold doors for everyone here.

A **"high-fiving-a-million-angels"** pat to my roommates for getting into their top graduate schools.
From a very proud senior who knows they're going to do great things.

An **"I-will-find-you-and-I-will-kill-you"** dart to the bird who decided to crap on my recently washed car.
From your new worst enemy.

A **"cuss-yeah"** pat to Wes Anderson for making movies that have an original plot and style.
From a woman who wishes she had a M. Gustave to teach her the ropes.

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Lalla Essaydi's work, centering around her childhood in Morocco and Saudi Arabia, will be displayed in 17 locations worldwide this year.

East and West

Moroccan artist, Lalla Essaydi, shines a light on traditions of Eastern women

By **RACHEL KENNEY**
contributing writer

Prepare for the East to be brought to West Campus: Lalla Essaydi, the world-renowned Moroccan multimedia artist is coming to Sawhill Gallery today.

In the Western world there exists a particular preoccupation with women of the East and the traditions they adhere to, most specifically the adornment of the hijab, or veil. The West often sees this tradition through a singular, narrow lens that depicts this custom as oppressive and damaging to the women who wear them.

However, Essaydi, whose works will be exhibited this year in 17 different locations worldwide, including JMU's own Sawhill Gallery, uses her paintings and photographs of veiled Arab women to shatter these stereotypes of Muslim women and their traditions.

"Images of the harem and Odalisque [Turkish concubine] still penetrate the present, and I use the Arab female body to disrupt that tradition," Essaydi said in her artist statement, which is titled "Disrupting the Odalisque."

Essaydi's work subverts misconceptions of Islamic traditionalism by applying calligraphy and henna to women's bodies. Calligraphy is a form of art historically reserved for men, while henna is a tradition performed solely by women on women's bodies. Just as Essaydi gives a voice to Arab women, the exhibition of her work on campus helps shed light on a culture that is oftentimes underrepresented in the JMU community.

"As a former student from JMU, I was one of the few Muslim women at the time as a minority on campus," JMU alumna and former officer of the

Muslim Student Association, Mavra Ahmed ('12), said. "I believe that it is very important to display a Muslim artist's work on this campus for the university to get a broader perspective on Muslims and of course, Muslim women."

The fact that the art to be featured was made by a Muslim woman dispels these stereotypes in more ways than one, through both the art and the artist.

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Mavra Ahmed
JMU alumna, 2012

"Muslim women are engaged in the public realm and are creative, free-thinking minds, which is not an image you usually see being tied to Islam when it comes to women in particular," sophomore political science and international affairs double major Nahla Aboutabl, said.

By featuring women Essaydi knows personally, her work "[invites] the viewer to resist stereotypes" in a deeply personal way.

"Stereotypes aren't just part of the outside world. They exist on campus as

well as off campus," Aboutabl said. "To educate students who are unfamiliar with Muslim women's contributions to art and culture could really open up their minds to what Muslim women are like and not what they're thought to be."

The exhibition of Essaydi's work will benefit not only JMU, but Harrisonburg as a whole.

"One of the hidden treasures of Harrisonburg, which is usually unknown and a surprise to the JMU community, is the ultimate diversity that Harrisonburg actually has," Ahmed said. "The town itself has a huge Muslim population, ranging from the majority of Muslims coming from Iraq, Kurdistan and the Middle East, to South Asian countries such as Pakistan."

With such a varied and widely representative community, Essaydi's exhibition has the potential to act as a unifying force between Harrisonburg's ever-flourishing Muslim population and the JMU community.

"Muslims are very much part of the international community as well as local ones and it's important to highlight that," Aboutabl said. "It's important to understand the culture of people around you if cooperation and coexistence were to ever be achieved."

Essaydi's exhibition, "The Photography of Lalla Essaydi: Critiquing and Contextualizing Orientalism," will be on view today through Friday, April 4 at the Sawhill Gallery on the fourth floor of Warren Hall. Essaydi will also be hosting an artist talk tomorrow from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

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Events

Monday, March 24 – Friday, April 4
Sawhill Gallery

Photography exhibition:
The Photography of Lalla Essaydi: Critiquing and Contextualizing Orientalism

Tuesday, March 25
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Grafton-Stovall Theatre

Artist's Public Talk – Lalla Essaydi, 2014 College of Visual and Performing Arts' Cultural Connections Artist

Wednesday, March 26
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sawhill Gallery

Public talk by documentary filmmaker Abraham Kasbo, on "The Arab-American Experience"

movie review

America's 'Most Wanted'

Newest Muppet movie is just plain fun for the whole family



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Ricky Gervais stars alongside Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog in the latest Muppet movie, "Muppets Most Wanted."

By **TRAVIS BARBOUR**
The Breeze

Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and the rest of the lovable puppet troupe are back, proving once again that — contrary to popular belief — it really is easy being green.

So what's the only logical way to open a new Muppets film? A song, of course! But not just any song, but a self-aware tune pointing out Hollywood's affinity for milking every drop out of anything that even resembles a cash cow. Self-awareness is funny if used sparingly, but relying on it to present the audience with the basis of the plot seemed a bit lazy to me.

"Muppets Most Wanted"
★★★★☆

PG 112 min.

Starring Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell, Tina Fey

Anyway, the opening song reveals that the film is about the Muppets going on a world tour, putting on variety shows all over Europe. Headed by their new manager, Dominic Badguy

(Ricky Gervais), whose name is another self-aware joke, Kermit, Fozzie and the rest of the gang prepare for a worldwide journey.

Needless to say, Dominic is revealed to be, you guessed it, the bad guy, and is working with Constantine, the world's most dangerous frog criminal (I guess in the Muppet world, frogs are usually criminals?) Kermit is mistaken for Constantine and taken to a Siberian prison, presided over by warden Nadya (Tina Fey).

Full of laughs and witty humor typical of Jim Henson's beloved puppets, "Muppets Most Wanted" is hilariously fun. Though the story at times seems shallow, unlike some of the previous Muppet films, it still accomplishes its task. It's a funny entertaining movie for the whole family.

If the classic cast of puppets isn't enough to satisfy you, no need to worry, the film is brimming with celebrity cameos, from Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, to Salma Hayek and James McAvoy. Watching this film, I was impressed with the amount of stars who appear solely for one line of dialogue. But who can blame them? The chance to act with the Muppets doesn't come along every day.

The endless cameos pale in comparison to some of the lead actors, such as Ty Burrell, who plays an Inspector Clouseau-type of character, working as a French Interpol agent with Sam the Eagle to investigate the heist devised by Dominic and Constantine. The two characters constantly try to out-do the other, with some very funny jokes about European work hours thrown in.

There are a plethora of memorable scenes in the film that left me in tears. For instance, if you've ever wanted to see Ray Liotta, Danny Trejo and Jemaine Clement perform in long-johns to "I Hope I Get It" from "A Chorus Line," then you'll definitely need to see this movie. There's even some verses belted by Josh Groban in there.

If that wasn't enough, how about a song by Miss Piggy and Celine Dion in the style of a cheesy music video? See, I knew that'd get ya.

There are almost as many cultural and film references as there are celebrity appearances in the film, from "The Shawshank Redemption" to the British royal wedding. I'd even say a portion of the fun is just in figuring out the references the writers employ.

Does the film measure up to former Muppet classics like "The Muppet Christmas Carol" or "Muppet Treasure Island?" Absolutely not. However, like many others, the Muppets will always have a special place in my heart and it's a great movie for children.

Whether it be for nostalgia value or you just want a few laughs, "Muppets Most Wanted" shouldn't be missed. I mean, there's even a Russian Kermit, is that really something you'd be OK with missing out on?

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Tales of the reel

Court Square Theater welcomes the 3rd Annual Reel Change Film Festival

By LAUREN HUNT
The Breeze

Shaun Wright, a media arts and design professor, held up a cardboard box covered in bright green tape. He stood in the basement hallway of Harrison talking to another SMAD professor. Although small and made of cardboard, this box is very important.

“I had to sign a contract to get this, and if an unauthorized copy shows up online I’ll be sued,” he laughed.

Inside the box is a DVD copy of “Watermark,” which will be pre-screened on March 26 during the third annual Reel Change Film Festival. The festival hopes to bring awareness of controversial issues to JMU and the local community through documentary films.

All five of the films that will be screened during the week are currently in the film festival circuit. Annie Horner, a senior SMAD and sociology double major and the student director of the Reel Change Film Festival, attended the Virginia Film Festival at the University of Virginia and AFI Docs, a film festival presented by the American Film Institute in Washington, D.C., to find films to bring to JMU.

According to Horner, all of the films being shown are really remarkable.

“The object of the festival is to bring these really top-notch films to [the community] for free and give them the opportunity to expand their horizons and learn about things that they might not otherwise think about,” Horner said.

The films all touch on contemporary concerns such as environmental sustainability, health, social issues and human rights. Each film is followed by either a panel discussion or a question and answer session with the director of the film.

“We want to bring in nonfiction films that can spotlight an issue or bring awareness to it,” Wright said. “But it’s not enough to make a film to bring awareness to an issue. People could feel helpless, like ‘Well, what can I do about it?’ Part of having the discussions and film-makers here is to get a sense of how one person can have an impact.”

On Saturday, Reel Change will hold two competitions. The first is the Student Short Documentary competition, which consists of films that are less than 30 minutes in length, made by undergraduate students from a university or college in Virginia. The second is the Starry Nights 90 Second Film competition; the entries in the competition are 90-second films about light pollution in Harrisonburg. Those involved in the production of the competition’s winning film will receive a cash prize for their submission.

“We want to use documentary film as a vehicle to get across a message,” SMAD professor Shelly Hokanson, said. “JMU has a big push for the engaged citizen and community involvement. It seemed like a good fit to use documentary film as a way to reach out and bring together campus people and community people.”

The festival will run from Tuesday, March 25 until Saturday, March 29 at the Court Square Theater in downtown Harrisonburg; admission is free. For a full schedule, movie trailers and additional details about the festival, visit reelchange.org or the event’s page on Facebook. The festival is also offered as a Wellness Passport event.

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Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. – “Watermark” (2013) – followed by a panel discussion

“Watermark” is a documentary about the earth’s relationship with water. It delves into diverse stories from different parts of the world and looks into how we are drawn to water, what we learn from water and its uses and consequences.



Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. – “William and the Windmill” (2013) – followed by a Q&A session with Ben Nabors (director)

“William and the Windmill” follows the story of Malawian William Kamkwamba, who built a power-generating windmill for his village from scrap parts that forever changed his life.



Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m. – “The Act of Killing” (2013) – followed by a panel discussion

Former Indonesian death squad leaders reenact their real-life mass-killings in the style of their favorite genres of American movies in “The Act of Killing.”



Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. – “The Punk Singer” (2013) – followed by a panel discussion

“The Punk Singer” gives an intimate look at Kathleen Hanna, the original Riot Grrrl and former lead singer of Bikini Kill, an outspoken feminist icon and cultural lightning rod.



Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m. – “GMO OMG” (2013) – followed by a Q&A session with Jeremy Seifert (director)

“GMO OMG” follows Jeremy Seifert, director and concerned father, as he searches for answers of genetically modified organisms. Seifert attempts to find out how they affect the health of our planet, our children and our freedom of choice.

The festival will take place at Court Square Theater; attendance is free.



A rumble to remember

The Dawn Drapes, Madly Backwards, Philosophunk and Swell Daze competed last Wednesday at the University Program Board’s Rumble Down Under at Taylor Down Under to win the opportunity to perform at Madipalooza. Audiences could help the five judges determine the winner by voting at the show. Philosophunk, made up of Alex Paullin (vocals and guitar; senior music industry major), Clifford Blum (guitar; senior music industry major), Nick White (drums; senior music industry major) and Cameron Spiece (bass) won and were awarded a gold cardboard mockup of a Grammy award in addition to the chance to play at Madipalooza. Above, Paullin performs at the show.

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LACROSSE (4-5)

Close, but no cigar

Second half run falls short, close loss to Maryland sets stage for CAA competition



LEFT Redshirt freshman attacker Betsy Angel drives to the net. Angel finished with two goals and one assist, including a stylish behind-the-back goal. **TOP RIGHT** Senior attacker Amy Roguski gets one past the keeper. Roguski finished with three goals and one assist. **BOTTOM RIGHT** Junior defender Hannah Verschoore was sent to the penalty box late in the game, allowing the Terps to run out the clock.

By **ANDY LOHMAN**
The Breeze

Despite the 13-10 loss, the JMU lacrosse team made waves this weekend when it nearly upset No. 2 nationally ranked University of Maryland.

Redshirt freshman attacker Betsy Angel saw an opportunity during Saturday's game and took it. Angel sped past her defender, cut across the crease and threw a no-look, behind-the-back shot that flew past the keeper for a goal. The audience erupted as the JMU team swarmed the field celebrating with Angel.

"I didn't really think about it at all," Angel said with a chuckle. "It just kind of happened."

The second half goal gave the Dukes noticeable energy and sparked a 3-0 run that took Maryland's lead from 10-5 to 10-8. What had seemed like a half in which the Terrapins would pull away, the Dukes' run forced Maryland to up the ante offensively.

"They push us, we push back," junior goalkeeper Schylar Healy said.

After JMU cut the lead to two points, Maryland went on a 3-1 run of its own to

put the game out of reach. Two of the goals during the run came from turnovers in the middle of the field that resulted in the Terrapins having multiple attackers around the net with few Duke defenders, leaving Healy with little chance of a save.

Once Maryland established a 13-10 lead late in the game, it was able to draw a penalty on junior defender Hannah Verschoore, leaving the Dukes a player down. With the man advantage, Maryland possessed the ball for the rest of the game and effectively ran out the remaining time.

This was the fifth time that JMU had faced a ranked opponent in just nine games this season. The Dukes hope that the higher level of competition pushes them to be a better team.

"It gives us confidence that we can play with anyone," head coach Shelley Klaes-Bawcombe said. "We want to create toughness."

Earlier this month, JMU defeated the Loyola University Maryland Greyhounds 8-7. At the time the Greyhounds were ranked fifth in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Poll and seventh in the Brine Women's Media Poll. Just four days later, the Dukes upset

the No. 9 Penn State Nittany Lions 11-10. Both of the Dukes' wins over these ranked teams came at home.

When the Dukes go on the road to play ranked opponents, they face more of a challenge, as they have lost to No. 7 University of Florida and at Virginia Tech, ranked 14th and 18th in the IWLCA and Brine polls, respectively.

"We just have to learn to get up for every game," Angel said. "Whether it's a top 10 team or one that's not ranked as high."

The Dukes are learning from their earlier games this season. The pace of scoring in the game Saturday was back and forth, with no team ever leading by more than five goals. This was the result of a big effort on the defensive side of the ball from the Dukes. Maryland had 25 shots on goal compared to JMU's 15.

"I was impressed with the defensive effort," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "Schylar Healy was credited with 10 saves but we thought she had about 13."

Healy's performance was commanding, with many of her saves coming from free position shots, where the opponent has an uncontested look at goal. The junior

net-minder stands at only 5 feet 1 inch tall, but was able to cover shots low on the ground and high in the corners.

"I was just feeling it, feeling the win was possible," Healy said. "Not only was I feeling it, but my entire team in front of me was feeling it and we were a unit."

The Dukes look to carry their form into the conference schedule.

"We've had a lot of consistency issues," Angel said. "I think this will only help us for conference play to grow as a team."

JMU reached 19th in the Brine Women's Media Poll for the first week of March, but have fallen out of the rankings in the most recent poll. CAA favorite Towson University sits at 18th in the IWCLA Poll and 15th in the Brine Women's Media Poll.

"I'm excited about the adjustments we made after the UConn/Rutgers week," Klaes-Bawcombe said. "Our goal is to peak in the CAA."

The loss, the first one at home, gives JMU a 4-5 record, while Maryland improved to 10-0. The Dukes will host the University of Richmond on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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SOFTBALL (3-0)

Sweeping up the competition

After slow start, Dukes trump Hofstra 2-1

By **GABRIELLE SMITH**
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The JMU softball team crushed its three-game series against Hofstra University this weekend, starting off the season with a 3-0 record.

The Dukes played a doubleheader on Saturday, beating the Pride 5-3, and then again 5-1. On Sunday, the Dukes locked up the sweep with another close win of 2-1. This is the first time in 11 years that the Dukes have secured a three-game win over the Pride.

"The whole team was just trying to play our hardest to win the game," freshman outfielder Taylor Newton said.

The game got off to a slow start with no hits and no runs until the bottom of the fourth when sophomore catcher Erica Field landed a single for the Dukes.

"We weren't swinging at good pitches," head coach Mickey Dean said. "Then, all of a sudden, we started making her pitch a little bit and hit good pitches that we liked."

Sophomore pitcher Jailyn Ford followed suit with another single, putting two players on base for JMU.

Next up was senior shortstop Caitlin Sandy, who stepped up to bat and bunted the ball, advancing the pinch runner to third base and putting the Dukes in scoring position.

When the next player approached the plate, the team began chanting for their teammate, hoping to get a run in.

"It's a way for us to stay involved in the game even though we're not at bat, and it helps to bring a lot of energy to the game," Ford said.

The Dukes scored their first run as the pinch hitter slid into home base, drastically

changing the momentum of the game.

The fifth inning threw a curveball for the Dukes as one of Hofstra's players hit a double, sending their runner to home base and tying the game 1-1.

"When you have two good teams, all you can ask for is being close at the end and having an opportunity to win the ballgame," Dean said.

The Dukes were unwilling to settle with a tie; Ford was determined to bring her team back up.

"You have to have a 'go get 'em' attitude," Ford said. "I kind of felt like I let our team down at that point, and I felt like I had to bring them back up. I know they always have my back, and I need to show them you know sometimes I mess up, but I always have their backs too."

To prove her pitching ability, Ford struck out the next batter. She registered five strikeouts throughout the game.

"Striking the next batter out was important, so the momentum doesn't swing their [Hofstra's] direction," Ford said.

The sixth inning was crucial for the Dukes, but Newton exceeded the team's needs as she hit a homerun over left field, breaking the tie and adding one run over Hofstra.

"I was just thinking 'swing hard,'" Newton said. "I wanted to at least get on base so someone could score me."

The Dukes were able to hold off the Pride at the top of the seventh to finish off the game with another victory.

"We're 3 and 0 and that's better than 0 and 3," Dean said. "We're in a good position, but that means nothing unless we take care of business down the road."

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TOP Freshman utility player Niki Prince rounds third. She scored 10 runs this season. **BOTTOM** Head coach Mickey Dean talks to his players on the field during Sunday's game. After a slow start, the Dukes got it together in the fourth, scoring one run off of three hits in the inning. They got their final run in the sixth, clinching a 2-1 victory.

YOU WISH YOU WERE A DUKE DOG

DUKES TRUMP BULLDOGS
JMU 72 Gonzaga 68

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WIN | 'comfortable at the free-throw line'

from front

"It was exactly what we thought it was going to be. They're a mirror image of us, and [head coach] Kelly [Graves] does a fantastic job with his program," head coach Kenny Brooks said. "So much so that we want to emulate what they've done. And they've taken the necessary steps, the next steps to advancing in the tournament. And that's exactly what we wanted to do."

It was truly a game of spurts Sunday night. Each team had its moments of catching momentum and holding on to it for the next handful of minutes in the game. But the Dukes' coaching staff kept the team grounded by telling them to stay confident and to keep doing what they know they can do.

"That was another big thing they said — 'Everyone do what you do with confidence.' If you're a shooter, shoot with confidence," Burkholder said. "If you're a defender, just play defense with confidence. Whatever you're doing, do it with confidence. And we felt like if we did that we would come out on top, and that's what we did."

One of the several things Burkholder seems to do with confidence is shoot free throws; she came into the game leading the team with 88 percent. Her ability to convert at the charity stripe proved important once again Sunday. Burkholder was 4-17 from the field, including three three-pointers. But she got to the line the most of any player on the floor by far. She was 17-18 from the free-throw line.

"It definitely helped my confidence," Burkholder said. "I feel very comfortable at the free-throw line. So just being able to get there and knock down free throws, it just helps your game."

The Dukes took an early advantage on the boards and maintained that advantage throughout, especially on the defensive glass, where they out-rebounded the Bulldogs 34-28. Burkholder was at the forefront of that effort with 18 rebounds — her second highest total of the year.

"Our coaches just really stressed that that would be one of the main keys to winning: rebounding," Burkholder said. "So I just think we all had just a little extra oomph to go get some boards."

Burkholder did what she did Sunday after dealing with an illness Saturday night. Throughout the week, she was limited in practice while dealing with a blister on her foot. Brooks said he thinks the medicine Burkholder took for her foot upset her stomach Saturday.

"Just think how I feel when I'm down at breakfast, excited about the game, and I get a text from my trainer that says Kirby has been sick all night. I immediately went up to see her," Brooks said. "If anyone could push through it, I knew Kirby could. I promised her I'd give her short breaks tonight, but she ended up playing 38 minutes. That

just goes to show you how tough she is."

Bottom line, the Dukes weren't going to let this season slip away without making some more noise.

"The will to win down the stretch enabled us to prevail," Brooks said. "These kids, they wanted it so hard, so much so we had to calm them down and tell them to relax because they were trying too hard. And once they did that down the stretch, I thought they really were able to put the game away."

That final stretch started midway through the second half. With 11:57 to play and JMU up 42-41, sophomore guard Precious Hall was called for an offensive foul, her fourth foul of the game, and had to be subbed out.

Two minutes later, Gonzaga started putting together a run that gave them a lead that grew to as much as four on two occasions.

Not long after was when JMU started to claw back, looking more and more like the team that won all but one game in Colonial Athletic Association play. The Dukes went on a 10-0 run over four minutes to take a 59-51 with lead with 3:39 to play following Burkholder's third three-pointer.

It was mostly smooth sailing from there as Burkholder and her teammates continued to get to the line and convert. JMU finished 22-25 as a team at the line.

"That last media timeout we kind of brought it in and said, 'You know what, four minutes left, lets do this thing.' People are going to the line making free throws," redshirt senior forward Nikki Newman said. "We joked that the only thing Kirby did wrong was miss a free throw tonight, she was 17 for 18. Really having the heart, we talked about that a lot, too. Whoever is going to go out and play harder, get more rebounds, have more heart, is going to come out with a victory."

JMU will play host Texas A&M at 9:30 p.m. EST Tuesday in the round of 32. Now that JMU has advanced, thereby getting over the hump of losing in the first game each of the last four times it's been to the tournament, who knows how far the team could go. Historically, the farthest JMU has gone is the Round of 16, which it has done four times.

In 1991, Brooks was a player for JMU the last time the Dukes won in the NCAA tournament. He admitted that the last three times the Dukes have been to the Big Dance, all under his watch, they were just happy to be there.

But this team is just different.

"Not only did they say that their goal was to win a conference championship, it was also to make some noise in the NCAA tournament, so I knew they weren't just happy to be here," Brooks said. "When you finally get to that point, and you have a group that's so deserving like this one, it's a tremendous feeling."

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FANS | Good 'Burg turnout

from front

next night, things changed.

"I was actually secretly hoping they'd get the draw here [in Texas]," Benassi said.

It was a no-brainer for Benassi and Roberts to go and to try to get others in Texas to go.

"It's not often that JMU plays in Texas, so we knew we had to be here and support it," Roberts said. "So it's a great opportunity for us to get out here and show Texas who JMU is and what we're all about."

Benassi called the JMU ticketing office to get them to block off 20 tickets for alumni living in Texas so they could all sit together. She also worked with the Duke Club and Office of Admissions to send out an email to alumni within a 300 mile radius of College Station to let them know about the meetup at Texas A&M University. According to Benassi and Roberts, there are 1,100 JMU alumni in Texas.

Sunday morning Benassi and Roberts made the three-hour drive from Dallas to the Dixie Chicken restaurant across from Texas A&M's campus. There they met the parents and family of redshirt senior forward Nikki Newman, senior guard Kirby Burkholder and junior forward Toia Giggetts.

Benassi didn't receive much direct response from other Texas alumni, but over 20 tickets had been sold.

"I think between the parents, we're loud, Pep Band's loud, cheerleaders are loud, I think they'll really know who we are," Benassi said.

Back in Harrisonburg, the official JMU watch party at O'Neill's was just as rocking as the Pep Band was down in Texas.

Though the crowd at O'Neills was older — few students were present — they were just as loud as the courtside bleacher seats at at home game. The restaurant was swathed in purple and gold; nearly every seat was filled. Some women even brought purple and gold poms poms that they waived when JMU scored.

Sue Ellen and Al Good, Harrisonburg

residents whose daughter and son-in-law are JMU alums, were at the watch party last night.

"They're very deserving," Sue Ellen Good said. "They're a good bunch of kids, they play well together, and [Brooks] is an excellent coach."

Sophomore kinesiology and health sciences double major Gabby Erustain was bouncing in her seat watching the Dukes, her nerves more evident than Gonzaga's in the last two minutes of the game. She has only missed two home games this season, and even traveled to watch the CAA championship game in Maryland last weekend.

"There are a lot of people here," Erustain said of the watch party turnout. "I was not expecting this, but it's awesome."

JMU employees Curt Dudley and Alicia Delves both came out to watch the game. Dudley, the voice of MadiZONE and often referred to as "Mr. JMU," is a primary source for many diehard JMU sports fans and Harrisonburg locals to get their updates on all things purple and gold.

"I think [the turnout] is wonderful," Dudley said. "I think it just kind of carries over into what we see in the Convocation Center. It's pretty energetic in here and people are just having a good time."

Delves, who frequents the Convo for basketball games with her family, brought her entourage along, all four of whom were decked out in purple.

"It's nice to be here and just to see the love that they have for them and the support for the women's basketball team because they're an amazing set of young ladies," Delves said. "I'm just glad to be here."

JMU fans have 23 years of steam built up waiting for the women's team to finally break through and make a name for themselves on a national scale. Now that they've moved on to the second round, the Dukes are poised to do just that.

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Divorce has repercussions

Marriages are breaking up too easily without any thought

I cannot define love in my own words; it means too many different things to too many different people. So, I looked to academia for help on this one. Helen Fisher, a biological anthropologist, said in a BBC *On Air Magazine* article that love is “this passion that is a fundamental human mating drive.”

Like the craving for food, romantic love is a powerful physiological need, an urge...” Psychologist Robert Sternberg developed the Triangular Theory of Love. In his theory, Sternberg says that there are three defining characteristics of love: intimacy, passion and commitment. The type of love you have with your mate is defined by where it is on the triangle. For example, Sternberg says that if your relationship possesses an equal balance of each characteristic, you and your partner have “consummate love.”

So, if you love a person, the next logical step is marriage, right? The answer to that question yes ... and no. It used to be a firm “yes.” Looking back at the 1940s and 1950s, men and women got married around the ages of 23 and 20 respectively. Traditional gender roles — the man as the breadwinner, the woman as the housewife — were well established and respected. Divorce was extremely uncommon during that time. But during the 1960s this notion started to shift dramatically.

In her book “The Divorce Culture,” Barbara Dafoe Whitehead refers to this trend as the “divorce revolution.” Ethics and societal values shifted so the frequency of divorce skyrocketed and reached an all-time high in the 1980s. Today, the divorce rate in the United States hovers around 50 percent. It is the highest among Western societies.

When children are involved in a divorce, the effects of it can emotionally cripple them. According to scholar Judith Wallerstein, author of the landmark study “The California Children of Divorce,” divorce has the same effect on kids, regardless of how old they are. She found that everything from a child’s relationships with their immediate family, to their ability to trust others as well as their performance in school is negatively affected by divorce. This negates the widely-accepted notion that children should be able

to “bounce back” from the break-up of their family. Wallerstein says that “the family has lost its central importance as an institution in the civil society, accomplishing certain social goals such as raising children and caring for its members. It has become a means to achieving greater individual happiness.”

She acknowledges that despite her findings, a gray area still exists. There’s no way, even in most thorough of cases, that the data can apply to every situation. However, Wallerstein’s message is very clear: divorce “benefits” adults much more than it could ever benefit the family as a whole. “... Not all children in two-parent families are free from emotional turmoil, but very few are burdened with the troubles that accompany family breakup,” she says in her study. “Only a small percentage of divorces happen because of pathological or dangerous situations.”

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Due to the current state of divorce statistics in the U.S., a lot of people vehemently deny Wallerstein’s findings — and for good reason. In many ways, our society has no choice but to accept that half of all marriages in this day-in-age will end in divorce.

The stigma that was once associated with divorce has declined significantly. In fact, a study from the late 1980s said that 80 percent of divorced women and 50 percent of divorced men “say they are better off out of the marriage.”

Stephanie Coontz, author of “The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap,” contends that people who view the mid-20th century as the height of sanctity of marriage are glossing over what was actually happening (alcoholism, abuse, etc.) because divorce wasn’t an option.

2010 statistics from the U.S.

Census Bureau indicate that men and women wait an average of five to six more years to get married than they did 30 years ago.

Additionally, the survey found that the rate of people who choose to live together before getting married has increased significantly. Call me cynical, but a marriage license is just a piece of paper. Simple recitation of vows doesn’t mean anything if you just say them but can’t stand by them when they are put to the test. If you need any proof of that, look no further than the celebrity marriages that have ended in divorce less than a year and a half after they began.

If you don’t want to get married, you don’t have to. It’s not something that you or your partner should rush into or, at this point, feel morally obligated to do.

But, just like with marriage, putting children through any type of breakup is very hard on them. When you enter into a marriage or any long-term relationship, you agree that you and your partner “will become one.”

That’s why our society’s insatiable need to be happy and fulfilled is a dangerous one. Suddenly being bored or unhappy with your situation is a good enough reason to move on.

Of course, things happen. Families are rocked by mental illness, crisis and outright betrayal that are reasonable grounds for a divorce.

So have people become so incredibly selfish that the institution of marriage is “doomed?” Certainly not — and love and the willingness to make relationships work still exists.

Great love, as defined by Angelica the bartender in “Win a Date with Tad Hamilton,” will change your life. It is my sincere hope that you all find great love in your lifetime. Chances are that you will — and you can’t spend too much time worrying about your future relationships or the probability of getting divorced. Screw the odds. Go forth and live your life. That’s all anyone can do.

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Fat bottomed girls

Lena Dunham is changing the idea of ‘big’ on TV

There’s a lot of controversy surrounding body image in the media — there has been for decades and it will continue for decades. The misrepresentation of women’s bodies, in particular, may seem a tired topic at this point, but at least one woman has found a new way to tackle it.

Lena Dunham — the creator, writer and star of HBO’s “Girls” — seemed to materialize out of thin air in 2010 after her low-budget indie film, “Tiny Furniture,” won Best Narrative Feature at the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference. As a sort of continuation of the film, “Girls” hit airwaves near you in 2012, starring Dunham as she frequently sports a tiny bikini or nothing at all — bold choices that have earned Dunham both criticism for her size eight body, and praise from people excited to see a curvier woman in a starring role.

People hem and haw over the outrageously thin, long-legged, blonde-haired, blue-eyed starlets audiences are forced to pretend to empathize with over and over again. Why are all our female leads so sexualized? Why are magazine cover girls so airbrushed? And why are young women increasingly suffering from low self-esteem as they compare their average body mass index of 26.5 percent to the baby-oiled, Photoshopped body of Katy Perry? It’s an issue that soapboxes like feminist documentary “Miss Representation” call attention to but never try to solve.

Some networks and companies, in an effort to score brownie points with concerned mothers, will throw fat chicks a bone: “Ugly Betty” was met with a round of applause for starring a size eight Latina actress (Two birds with one stone! Wow so diverse!). Melissa McCarthy’s cringeworthy series, “Mike and Molly” chronicles the struggles of a couple of fat people just livin’ a fat old life. *People StyleWatch* and *InStyle* are generous enough to set aside a single page for “full-figured fashion.” American Eagle Outfitters’ intimate apparel line, Aerie, recently announced that they will no longer retouch photos of their lingerie models, although their models are still predominantly

size zero.

I mention this list of “accomplishments” without an ounce of gratitude to these organizations because their brand of “inclusion” of real-bodied women seems to me like “including” a silverback gorilla in Manhattan: the only place for them is the zoo. These roles romanticize and thus ostracize these full-figured ladies, with their shows allowing the audience to observe a fat woman struggling against her fat, because that’s the most interesting part of a fat woman’s life, right?

What Dunham did — and take heed, students of media production — was whatever the hell she wanted. If her dream since childhood was to someday land a starring role on a wildly popular and beloved HBO series, she didn’t move to Manhattan, take acting classes and politely wait her turn in line. She made what she wanted to see on-screen and sold its honesty to an audience hungry to really relate to someone like her.

Obviously Dunham has some natural talent — a talent for writing, or a talent for knowing what people want, as critics and my parents alike rave about the show’s accurate portrayal of the lost, middle-class millennials wandering around the country asking, “What about me?” (Not “What about my thighs?”)

Dunham understands the importance of the laughably simple, yet crushingly intense struggle of interpersonal conflict, even within a six-person group of healthy, educated white kids. She understands young people’s dreams today, the realities that we face as recent graduates amid a brutal recession and our constant obsession with ourselves.

All of these crises are beautifully and hilariously done in “Girls,” making it one of the few things in my life that I look forward to each week. But maybe my favorite thing about all of the show’s characters’ problems is that none of them have a thing to do with Dunham’s weight. Also you get to see her boobs a lot.

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Letter to the Editor

5K race to benefit JMU alumna

Annie Leslie had just started an internship with Google+ in Los Angeles last summer when she went to the doctor with a bad headache and discovered she had a brain aneurysm.

I know Annie will be able to fully participate in all the things she loves someday soon, but she needs financial help to have the best rehabilitation options available.

Annie, a JMU 2010 alumna, went straight into surgery, where unfortunately the aneurysm ruptured. After a failed extubation, she experienced pulmonary edema and congestive heart failure. She spent more than a month in various intensive care units, including several weeks at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center.

There were days when the prognosis looked like Annie might not wake up to anything more than a vegetative state. Now, eight months later, through nothing less than a miracle and the love and prayers of her friends and family, she is home in Maryland going through rigorous occupational, physical and vision therapy.

Annie has been my greatest friend since we met on Wilson Hall’s steps on Alpha Sigma Alpha’s bid celebration night. If we had a day together back at JMU, we’d be taking a five-mile run in the Harrisonburg sun from Forest Hills to E-Hall, stocking up on a million doughy chocolate chip cookies, then walking down to Wal-Mart’s craft aisle to make fantastic costumes for the next big themed party.

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Next Saturday, March 29, I encourage fellow Dukes to join JMU and friends for the Annie Leslie Strong 5K in Roanoke, Va. (AnnieStrong.com)

If you’re unable to attend the race, but wish to support Annie’s recovery efforts, please visit crowdrise.com/annieleslie.

Thank you, and go Dukes!

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